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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER RULE 1.53(b)**

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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53(b), please file a  continuation/ divisional of the pending prior PATENT APPLICATION of:

Inventor: GUSTAFSSON et al

Serial No. 08/860,871

Filed: 14 July 1997

For: **NEW AMINO ACID DERIVATIVES AND THEIR USE AS THROMBIN INHIBITORS**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This request for filing under Rule 53(b) is made by the following named inventor(s) (using the above-identified title):  
Inventor(s): GUSTAFSSON et al

Attached is a true copy of the prior application as originally filed including the specification, claims, Oath/Declaration and drawings (if any) and abstract (if any). No amendments (if any) referenced in the Oath or Declaration filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter.

Priority is hereby claimed under 35 USC 119 based on the following foreign applications, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application:

Application Number

9602263-7

PCT/SE97/00989

Country

Sweden

Day/Month/Year/Filed

7 June 1996

5 June 1997

certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) attached or  
 already filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in prior appln. no. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_  
 already filed in \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: -- This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

The prior application is assigned to AstraZeneca AB.  
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Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: -- This is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/860,871, filed July 14, 1997, allowed, which is a continuation of PCT/SE97/00989, filed June 5, 1997, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

This application is entitled to "Small entity" status.  "Small entity" statement attached.  
 Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.  
 The Examiner's attention is directed to the prior art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or Examiner for the reasons stated therein.  
 Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee:  
 The entire disclosure of the prior application above-referenced is considered as being part of the disclosure of this new application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.  
 Also attached:  Information Disclosure Statement ;  Non-Publication Request;  Other:

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